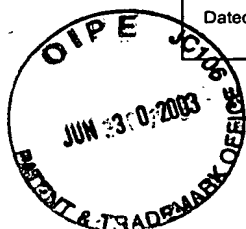


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In the Office Action mailed on March 31, 2003, the Examiner had noted that applicants' information disclosure statement filed on December 17, 2002 failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.198(a)(1), which requires a separate listing of the submitted references. Accordingly, applicants submit herewith a separate listing of the prior art references, *i.e.*, Japanese Application No. 08-265726 (with front page translation) and U.S. Patent No. 5,661,787 to *Pocock*, which references were previously submitted with the December 17, 2002 information disclosure statement along with a copy of the Chinese Official Action (and translation) received in applicants' corresponding Chinese patent application citing such references. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these references and include a copy of the initialed PTO-1449 form with the next communication to applicants.


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